

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD APRIL 26, 2012 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairman Dobler called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Iris Dobler, Chairperson
John O'Neill, Vice Chairperson
Max Brown, Commission Member
Paula Kelly, Commission Member
Beverly Emerson, Commission Member
Dave Puzas, Commission Member
Elaine Bremner, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Council Members Present

Linda Norman

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no one present to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2012

Commissioner Puzas moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Bremner reported that on Friday, May 11th, volunteers will be needed at the Tavasci Elementary School to set up for the Prime Time Fair from 1 AM to 4 PM. Vendors will have the opportunity to set up from 4 PM to 6 PM. On Saturday, May 12th, volunteers will be needed from 7 AM to 2 PM. The event will start at 9 AM and end at 1 PM. Commission members will be needed to help with the event.

Commissioner Brown still has the a-frame signs from last year to help direct attendees to the location. He will also be picking up trash containers from APS, and will check to see if they have recycle containers.

Commissioner Bremner stated they are still in need of items to place in the goody bags for attendees. Volunteers will be needed to handle the sign-in table, and also to hand out the Passports and explain them to the attendees.

At the present time there are 24 vendors signed up for the event, and there are 61 booths available, plus outdoor space.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Chairperson Dobler requested the Commissioners do some brainstorming to come up with events in the future:

- * Help Seniors in their own home who need assistance.
 1. Contact NACOG AAA
 - * Resources
 - * Training for Senior Commission Members
 - * Work with Youth to set up teams to clean houses, etc.
 2. Who/What contacts are available
 3. Verde Valley Care Givers – find out what types of services they provide
- * Referral Services
 - * Refer Seniors to various organizations, facilities
 - Where
 - What to offer
 - Who staffs

There was discussion about finding grants to pay for the Meals on Wheels drivers who are required to obtain a Level One finger print card. The cost is \$65. for a six year period. Chairperson Dobler will talk to a City staff person who does grant searching to see if such a grant might be available. She will also check with the City about an office space for a location for a Referral office.

b. Chairperson Dobler handed out some information from Caregiver Connection, asking the Commissioners to review it and bring back ideas to the next meeting.

Commissioner Puzas stated there would be a Christian Night at Mingus Union High School the third or fourth week of May from 7 PM to 9 PM.

The Verde Valley Senior Center is having a Lobster Fest on April 29th. This is a fund-raiser for the Senior Center. Chances were sold, and one lucky winner and nine of their guests will be treated to a sumptuous lobster dinner.

Chairperson Dobler and Commissioner Bremner have been planning a Safety Training for businesses in June or July. The training will be at Cliff Castle Casino and include Hazard Identification and Keeping Worker's Compensation Claim Costs Down.

Commissioner Emerson stated the Verde Valley Voices will be having a Centennial Celebration concert at Mingus Union High School on Saturday, April 28th at 3 PM.

May 19th – Verde Valley Medical Center will be having Vascular Screening.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Brown to adjourn. Commissioner Puzas seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.